Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in this application. No new matter is added.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for administering an examination comprising:

one or more testing stations, configured to receive a plurality of test items, to display the test

items to a user, to record state information comprising time elapsed from the start of the

examination, identification of test items displayed to the user, and user interactions with

the testing stations, and to transmit changes to the state information at ~~substantially~~ the

same time that the state information is recorded including when the user provides

responses to the test items;

a first server computer system in communication with the one or more testing stations, wherein

the first server computer system is configured to electronically transmit the test items to

the one or more testing stations, receive user information and responses to the test items

from the one or more testing stations, receive the state information from the one or more

testing stations, and electronically store the state information at ~~substantially~~ the same

time that the state information is received; and

a second server computer system in communication with the first server computer system,

wherein the second server computer system is configured to receive user information and

responses to the test items from the first server computer system and to deliver test

packages to the first server computer system,

wherein upon failure of the testing station, the initial state object and the changed state objects

stored on the server are used to recreate the examination on the testing station at the point

in the examination where the failure occurred, and wherein the user will not be penalized

for the time that questions are not available.

2-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of administering an examination to a user over a distributed network comprising:

synchronizing an initial state object on a server and on one or more testing stations in
        communication with the server, wherein the initial state object comprises the time within
        which the examination must be completed and the test items to be presented to the user;

delivering a plurality of test items to one or more testing stations;

displaying the plurality of test items to the user and recording the user's responses; and

delivering to the server a changed state object comprising the time elapsed in the examination,
        the test items presented to the user, and the user's responses to the test items at
        ~~substantially~~ the same time that a triggering event occurs on the testing station, wherein
        the triggering event comprises the user providing a response to a test item,

wherein upon failure of the testing station, the initial state object and the changed state objects
        stored on the server are used to recreate the examination on the testing station at the point
        in the examination where the failure occurred, and wherein the user will not be penalized
        for the time that questions are not available.

14-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method of managing the state of an examination, the method comprising:

delivering identification of the examination to be administered on one or more testing stations to
        a server computer;

creating an initial state object on the server computer wherein the initial state object defines the
        initial state of the examination;

delivering the initial state object to the one or more testing stations;

recording each user interaction with the one or more testing stations; ~~and~~

delivering changes to the initial state object from the one or more testing stations to the server
        computer based on each user interaction at ~~substantially~~ the same time that each user
        interaction occurs; and

restarting the examination following failure of the testing station wherein the initial state object and the changes to the initial state object stored on the server computer are used to recreate the examination on the testing station at the point in the examination where the failure of the testing station occurred, and wherein the user will not be penalized for the time that questions are not available.

21-27. (Canceled)